

# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building**.

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☐ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**  
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Youth Policy Forum

Travel date(s): October 8-10, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$177.98 (includes one-way flight, bus transportation to site visits, and water taxi)	\$546	\$130	None

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

Please see the attached trip itinerary

10/24/19 Mariisa Morin Mariisa R. Morin  
(Date) (Printed name of traveler) (Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

10/24/19 [Signature]  
(Date) (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

**EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION**

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

originally submitted Sep. 9, 2019

Name of Traveler: Marisa MorinEmploying Office/Committee: MRM Senator Wyden/Senate Finance CommitteePrivate Sponsor(s) (list all): American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF)Travel date(s): October 8-10, 2019Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.Destination(s): Boston/Lowell, Massachusetts and East Providence/Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

My portfolio for the Senate Finance Committee includes child welfare, child support, childcare and workforce development issues that pertain to the wellbeing of children and families. The focus of the AYPF Study tour is to learn about young adults (16-24) who are not in school or working. For Senator Wyden, I am working on a legislative proposal to provide financial assistance to a group that makes up part of this population - young adults "aging out" of foster care. This study tour will allow me to learn about the resources in MA and RI currently in place to support these former foster youth and how the federal government could play a role.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

9/9/19  
 (Date)

Marisa R. Morin  
 (Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Wyden hereby authorize Marisa Morin  
 (Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

9/9/19  
 (Date)

Dr. Wyden  
 (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

## Harnessing the Potential of Young Adults: How Programs Are Using Youth Voice, Education, and Workforce Development to Transform Systems

### Study Tour Invitee List

First Name	Last Name	Office	Title
Mimi	Teixeira	Sen. Mike Lee	Legislative Assistant
Rachel	Wright	Sen. Chuck Grassley	Juvenile Justice
Ryan	Martin	Senate Finance Committee	Senior Human Services Advisor
Catherine	Brown	Sen. Susan M. Collins	Policy Advisor
Meghan	Herrington	Sen. Portman	Legislative Assistant
Conor	Sheehey	Sen. Scott	Legislative Assistant
Matteo	Moran	Sen. Tom Cotton	Education Legislative Assistant
Caŕlin	Wilson	Sen. Blunt	Legislative Assistant/Counsel
Robert	Moran	Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Education Policy Director
Manuel	Contreras	Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Policy Advisor
Brent	Palmer	Sen. Dianne Feinstein	Education Legislative Assistant
Joshua	Delaney	Sen. Elizabeth Warren	Education Legislative Assistant
David	Caruolo	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse	Education Legislative Assistant
Andrew	Zack	Sen. Ed Markey	Education Legislative Assistant
Moirā	Lenehan	Sen. Jack Reed	Education Legislative Assistant
Nia	Lesesne	Sen. Cory Booker	Legislative Aide

Nick	Wunder	Sen. Kamala Harris	Senior Counsel on Juvenile Justice Reform
Matthew	Halek	Sen. Dianne Feinstein	Judiciary Legal Assistant
Nick	Xenakis	Sen. Dianne Feinstein	Judiciary Legal Counsel
Allison	Feikes	Sen. Mike Braun	Legislative Assistant
Jessica	Vu	Sen. Marsha Blackburn	Chief Counsel
Michael	Rady	Sen. Cory Booker	Legislative Fellow
Pete	Mills	Sen. Chris Murphy	Legislative Fellow
Robert	Curtis	Sen. Debbie Stabenow	Legislative Assistant
Brenna	Barber	Sen. Tina Smith	Education Policy Advisor
Becca	Murdoch	Sen. Doug Jones	Legislative Correspondent
Trevor	Dean	Sen. Catherine Cortez-Mastro	Legislative Assistant
Brad	Middleton	Sen. Dick Durbin	Senior Policy Advisor
Brian	Steele	Sen. Richard Blumenthal	Education Legislative Assistant
Shilesa	Bamberg	Sen. Sherrod Brown	Legislative Aide
Mike	Thomas	Sen. Ben Cardin	Legislative Assistant
Rebecca	Nathanson	Sen. Ron Wyden	Legislative Assistant
Kathryn	Toomajian	Sen. Patrick Leahy	Legislative Assistant
Sarah	Schenning	Sen. Chris Van Hollen	Legislative Assistant
Leila	Schochet	Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee	Policy Advisor
Marisa	Morin	Sen. Ron Wyden (Finance Committee)	Policy Advisor



## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF)
2. Description of the trip: The trip will bring together a group of bipartisan congressional staff to visit three programs in Massachusetts and Rhode Island that are improving outcomes for youth.
3. Dates of travel: October 8-10, 2019
4. Place of travel: Boston/Lowell, Massachusetts and East Providence/Pawtucket, Rhode Island
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See attached list
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
  - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
  - OR -
  - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

- AND -

☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
  - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
  - AND -
  - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

**OR**

**-OR-**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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AYPF is the sole sponsor of the trip and created the agenda, organized logistics, and managed and facilitated all program site visits.

The trip will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about nationally recognized youth programs that are improving outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

**AYPF has sponsored fact finding study tours since its founding in 1993.**









## Agenda

**Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

1:00pm-3:00pm      **Hotel Arrivals**  
Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor  
101 Harborside Drive  
Boston, MA 02128

***\*Participants will arrive at the Boston Airport (BOS) by 1:00pm and take the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor Shuttle to Hotel***

3:00pm-3:45pm      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Hyatt Regency - Aquitana Room (First Floor)  
Betsy Brand, Executive Director, AYPF

3:45pm-4:00pm      **The Road Ahead: Overview of Agenda, Program Book and What to Expect**  
Samaura Stone, Senior Director, AYPF  
Maria Duarte, Policy Associate, AYPF

4:00pm-4:20pm      **Drive to Site #1, Artists for Humanity via charter bus.**

**Artists for Humanity**  
100 W 2nd St., Boston MA, 02127

### **Site Description:**

Artists For Humanity (AFH) is one of the largest employers of youth in the City of Boston, with 250 under-resourced teens employed as artists and designers each year during critical out-of-school hours. During the summer, the teen artists work 25 hours per week and 9 hours per week during the school year. Nearly 83% of their youth employees are from low-income diverse families. Moreover, 54% live in the Boston neighborhoods most beset with violence, and 44% live in single-parent households. These factors place their youth at higher risk for failing or dropping out of school and for significantly decreased employability. AFH counteracts the risks facing young people by giving youth a job; enrichment that comes from the arts and cultural experiences; a safe place to go with their peers after school; an opportunity to learn and conduct business in the innovation economy; and essential life skills.

4:20pm-5:00pm      **Artists for Humanity (AFH) Tour**  
Richard Frank, Marketing Director, AFH

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## Youth Guided Art Activity

## Dinner at Worden Hall

## From the Field: Program Sneak Peeks

- Staff from Foster Forward and UTEC will provide brief overviews about their programs, populations served, and what we can expect to see during tomorrow's visits.

**Breakfast Available**

## Walking in Their Shoes: Ice Breakers and Reflections

### Drive to Site #2, (From Boston, MA to Lowell, MA)

**35 Warren St., Lowell, MA 01852**

UTEC's mission is to ignite and nurture the ambition of its most disconnected young people to trade violence and poverty for social and economic success. UTEC offers several programs and opportunities for young adults, including transitional coaching, workforce development training through social enterprises, GED classes and a dual-enrollment

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**Geoff Foster, Director of Organizing and Policymaking, UTEC**

More than a third of UTEC's young adults are also young parents and finding affordable, high-quality child care is often a major barrier to seeking employment and education opportunities. In 2017, UTEC opened an onsite, UTEC-operated early childhood education center to help young families break the cycle of poverty. With a child-centered, social-emotional based curriculum, their 2Gen Center is inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy that encourages children to lead their own learning. With experienced, educated teachers supporting independence and self-regulation, children at the 2Gen Center are building on the same Core Competencies that their parents are working on next door.

UTEC's social enterprises offer young adults paid work experience to develop the job and life skills required to excel in any workplace. Their social enterprises achieve a triple bottom line by: 1) facilitating positive youth development, along with paid work experience; 2) generating earned revenue to support their mission; and 3) supporting the communities' economic development.

- Peter J. Koutoujian, Sheriff, Middlesex County Sheriff's Office
- Edward Donlan, Commissioner of Probation, Massachusetts Department of Probation



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**12:30pm-1:00pm**

**A Youth's Perspective: Why This Work Matters Lunch Conversation**  
Participants will have the opportunity to hear from several young adults about their experiences and which key elements of UTEC's programs have been the most meaningful to them.

**Drive to Site #3, (From Boston, MA to Pawtucket, RI)**

50 Ann Mary St.,  
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Foster Forward is a nationally and locally recognized leader committed to empowering lives impacted by foster care. In Rhode Island, the youth unemployment rate is 20%, it is more than double at 52% for youth who have experienced foster care. Works Wonders, a program of Foster Forward was originally started as a research initiative funded through a Children's Bureau grant to research ways to help Rhode Island's foster youth who have aged out of or are about to age out of state care succeed

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## Welcome to Foster Forward

## The Power of Community: Foster Forward's Storefront Tour

**Drive to 55 S. Brow St., Providence, RI (FF's Main Location)**

## Where the Magic Happens: Foster Forward's Main Building Tour

## Youth In Transition: The State's New Legislation to Extend Foster Care Services to Age 21

- Last year, Rhode Island passed legislation that would provide eligible 18-year-old youth in foster care with the option to stay in foster care and request services, such as housing assistance and job training. This policy existed in Rhode Island, until it was eliminated in 2007 due to a budget**

shortfall. Shortly after, the 2008 federal *Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act* allowed states to extend foster care to 21 with federal reimbursement through the Social Security's Act for foster care. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, there are now approximately 25 states and the District of Columbia that have enacted legislation to extend foster care beyond age 18. Youth remaining in foster care after 18 doubled their odds of working or completing high school at 19 and are twice as likely to complete one year of college.

3:45pm-4:10pm

**Using a Systems Approach to Implement Change: How Foster Forward Leveraged their Partnerships with the Department of Labor, Providence Housing Authority, and DCYF.**

- Pauline Abetti, Director of Career Pathways, Rhode Island Department of Labor
- Lisa Guillette, Executive Director, Foster Forward

Aligning systems continues to be one of the greatest priorities and challenges for state, federal, and nonprofit leaders serving young adults involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Many organizations and policymakers struggle to engage with labor and housing stakeholders, despite how critical their involvement is with the youth populations. We will learn about how Foster Forward was able to skillfully develop partnerships with housing and labor to strengthen their programming for youth transitioning out of foster care.

4:10pm-4:45pm

**What Makes Foster Forward Different?**

Several young adults from Foster Forward's programs will talk about their experiences and which key elements of Foster Forward programs have been the most meaningful to them.

4:45pm-6:30pm

**Drive via charter bus from East Providence back to Hyatt Regency Boston**

6:30pm

**Dinner on Your Own**

**Thursday, October 10, 2019**

**\*Please check out of your hotel rooms by Noon. You can store luggage in the meeting room.**

7:30am-8:45am

**Breakfast Available  
Aquitana Room**

8:45am-9:15am

**Program Reflections**



	We will open the day with brief reflections from our program visits and discuss a few of the key takeaways.
9:15am-10:30am	<b>Putting It All Together: How Do We Create Stronger Policies Using the Voices of Young Adults Involved in the Foster Care and Juvenile Justice Systems?</b>  After a day of program visits and conversations, the group will be divided to reflect upon several questions pertaining to creating or improving state and federal policies. The questions will be guided by policy recommendations from youth.
10:30am-11:05am	<b>Group Share Out</b>  The full group will reconvene to discuss the various themes that emerged within their groups.
11:05am-11:15am	<b>Break</b>
11:15am-12:30pm	<b>The Path Forward: Reforming our Policies to Support Youth (Closing Discussion)</b> There is a strong momentum and incentive to create policies for young adults that are focused on prevention, youth development models, holistic family supports, and encompass restorative justice approaches. The Family First Prevention Services Act, Foster Youth to Independence Housing Initiative through HUD, the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act (JJDP) and the Cross-Over Youth Practice Model, as well as other state efforts are several examples of new or expanded approaches to serving youth. We will end our day on a positive note, by highlighting and discussing many of the new and exciting policies and initiatives at the federal, state, and local level.
12:30pm-1:00	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00-1:30pm	<b>What Are You Taking with You? Closing Activity</b> Participants will complete a final reflection about their key takeaways and "aha" moments from the trip.
1:30pm	<b>Adjourn</b>  <i>*Shuttles from the hotel to the airport will be available and scheduled based on participant's departure times.</i>





## American Youth Policy Forum

### Harnessing the Potential of Young Adults: How Programs Are Using Youth Voice, Education, and Workforce Development to Transform Systems

An AYPF Study Tour

October 8-10, 2019

Boston, Massachusetts and East Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Marisa,

We are excited to invite you to participate in our Study Tour to **Boston, Massachusetts and East Providence, Rhode Island**. We will conduct site visits to **Artists for Humanity**, **UTEC**, and **Foster Forward**. All three programs have been nationally recognized for successfully combining youth voice, education, and employment to create a new narrative for the young people they serve.

**Our goals include:**

- Highlighting three effective programs that are using education and workforce development as a key strategy for achieving success with young adults.
- Elevating youth voice and hearing directly from young adults about how their involvement in workforce and education programs have changed their trajectory.
- Identifying and including state government departments to highlight the importance of government systems partnering with programs to increase support for youth.
- Discussing how federal/state policies can be improved to better serve young adults involved in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.

This is an invitation-only event and space is limited. **Please, register using the link below.** Ethics documents must be submitted by **Monday, September 9, 2019**. Attached is a detailed agenda, as well as all necessary ethics paper work.

**REGISTER HERE**

Sincerely,

Samaura Stone  
Senior Director

**Please contact Samaura Stone at [SStone@aypf.org](mailto:SStone@aypf.org) or 202-775-9731 if you have any questions**

*\*This learning opportunity is being organized for Congressional staff and therefore intends to comply with Ethics Rules. AYPF will pay for airfare, ground transportation, lodging, and meals during the study tour.*

202-775-9731